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WHITE OAKS, NEW MEXICO.

CAMP and COUNTY.

Our school is doing finely.

St. Valentine's day is here.

Two butcher shops in town.

Mr. Patty now supports a plug hat.

When the spring-time cometh, gentle Annie,

—

Lee H. Radcliffe, Vera Cruz, left for home Wednesday.

San Antonio has but one lawyer, it is said; and he is a Mexican.

Carriage is still snaking out dead oodles of coal and building rock.

Justin H. Baird, west side White mountains, has been doing the city.

William Shane and Asa Powers, cattle men, have gone to the Rio Grande.

John W. Poe has been in town several days, looking after the Homestead mine.

Walter Church and Doc Shapley left for the White mountains Friday morning.

The snow lies white upon old Carizozo. In our "enchanted valley" there is no snow.

We are sorry to say that Mrs. Lou Edwards has been quite sick for the past few days.

W. J. Little only keeps one brand of whisky, and that is Kentucky's best. Sample with him.

Died, on Wednesday at 10 o'clock a. m., 13th inst., of consumption, San Maria Sanchez DeGuebara, of White Oaks.

Jim Brent, Johnnie Hudgens and E. Hough spent Sunday night in Socorro. It is rumored that they took in the village.

Al Ozzane went down on the Rio Grande for a load of corn, the first of the week. He reports the roads in bad condition.

Hewitt & Ferguson attorneys for M. Whitman, attached the Delaware Gold Mills, on the 11th inst., to satisfy a claim of \$1,032 24.

The tree on which Fowler was hung at Socorro was planted by S. C. Meeks, of that place seventeen years ago.—Ex Plant some more.

No Indians have been seen near the Mail Pail station since the wife of station agent Washburn stood a crowd of them off with a Winchester.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sligh have gone to Las Cruces. They will render all the assistance in their power to Mrs. W. L. Jerrell, in her great bereavement.

The White Oaks Industrial Company, having finished the first building, held a meeting on Tuesday eve, and issued stock to the members. Look out for something else to be "did."

There was recently consummated a little cattle deal, in which Rona Baca sold to Pat F. Garrett 300 head, to be delivered, rounded up, at the Baca ranch; delivery on the 8th inst.

It is currently understood at Socorro that as soon as the thirty mile branch, now in course of construction, is completed, work will be commenced on the line to the San Andres, for which preparations are now making.

A party of Cinnamon Utes strayed down into New Mexico, and badly frightened a party of Las Vegas hunters, near Wagon Mound. Rex Hardy, reporter for the Gazette, was along, and he tells a wild and woolly tale.

Mr. James Wilson and Thomas Gordon, of the San Andres mountains, were in town this week. These gentlemen are in the employ of E. L. Blood. They brought in some fine deer from the Austin lode. Emmet is bound to "catch on."

Our school teacher, Mr. J. C. Culver, has his hands full, having 91 scholars, and new ones coming in almost daily. Would it not be a good idea to start a subscription, to hire an assistant. Mr. J. A. Walters informs us that he will head the list with \$10.

Our young attorney Mr. E. Hough, was on last Saturday suddenly called to the home of his mother in Iowa by her serious illness. Hoping that his anxiety will be dispelled by his mother's early recovery, we are glad to state that Mr. Hough will soon return, and are confident that New Mexico will not suffer from his representations in the states.

Lon Edwards still continues to supply coal to the coalfields, giving the best he has got, which is good enough for anybody and at the lowest prices. The coal mines which are opened or which lie still hidden under old Carizozo, form the most solid part of the foundation of White Oaks' future prosperity and we are glad to see those interested in them prospering.

John Henderson is in town.

Mr. Wauchope, who has been in Las Vegas for some time, returned home last week.

As soon as the track from the mine to the mill is completed, the new mill in the Nogals will begin work. Long may she wave.

Tom Osby, who has been down in the lower country hunting and buying hides for the past six weeks, returned Friday, and left again Monday for Las Vegas.

Francis Robinson bought one-fourth interest in the Homeward Bound, in Baxter mountain, of Tom C. Williams. Consideration \$200. Mr. Robinson now owns the entire claim.

We received a very pleasant call from Mr. J. O. Nabours, on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. N. is head man at the Carrizozo stock ranch. He reports cattle in fine condition. Come again, Jim.

Tom C. Williams arrived by stage Sunday morning from England where he has been visiting for the past two months. The return voyage was rough, taking 13 days to cross. Tom says he is glad to get back to the land of his adoption.

By the killing of W. L. Jerrell, Las Cruces loses one of her best citizens, and the territory one of her bravest men. He died as he lived a true, brave, gritty man. Mrs. Jerrell has the sympathy of his many friends in White Oaks.

E. W. Parker and Billy Robson returned from Las Vegas Friday evening last. Mr. Parker reports having a nice trip; that Las Vegas was dull; that they intend to commence the rebuilding of the Montezuma hotel, at the Springs, in a few weeks, and that he was mighty glad to get back home.

J. R. Brent and John N. Hudgens boarded the stage Friday with two prisoners—Geronimo Gonzales and Wm. Logwood for the penitentiary at Leavenworth Kas. Gonzales was convicted of horse stealing and Logwood was implicated in killing a Mexican sheep herder. The latter made his escape from our county jail last spring, and was recaptured, by our sheriff at Ft. Union. We will venture to say, if these men should live out their terms, that they will give Lincoln county a wide berth in the future. So mote it be.

Mrs. Charles Milendy chloroformed and Robbed.

On Monday night, 11th inst., Mrs. Chas. Milendy, who keeps a bakery and boarding house, says she was robbed of \$100.00. On the night of the 11th—after seeing that the house was securely fastened—a few minutes after 11 o'clock she retired, and does not remember anything until 10 o'clock the following day. Mr. C. A. Roebor, on the morning of the 12th, went to Mrs. Milendy's for bread.—This was about 6 o'clock a. m.—The front door was open and the window raised. He found Mrs. M. in bed, and she told him where the bread was. A few minutes afterwards Mr. Geo. Epton also went for bread. He saw that something was wrong, by the way Mrs. Milendy acted, although she seemed to talk rationally. Mr. Epton walked up the children, who were sleeping in the back part of the house, Mrs. Milendy's room being the front one. In this room, on a small table, was two empty purses and a man's buckskin glove. Mrs. M. says she kept her purses between the feather tick and mattress. How could they have been removed without awakening her, unless she was chloroformed? It also seems strange that she could converse rationally as early as half past six o'clock in the morning, and not remember anything from the time she went to bed, until 10 o'clock the following day. We trust that the mystery will be cleared up soon.

A Find. And a Moral.

A talk with Henry Patterson elicited the information that the recent find made by him on the Iron Crown, situated on east Baxter, consists of a magnificent quartz, showing free gold in abundance. The quartz also bears copper glance, with copper pyrites, and is said to show chloride stains. No assays have been made, but if made would probably show silver in greater or less quantities. The vein at surface showed only four inches, but a few feet of development have determined an increase of eighteen inches.

So little has been done that it is impossible to tell what the real width or character of the vein will be, or whether it will be gold, silver or copper. It probably partakes largely of

the free gold nature which most Baxter mountain veins evince near the surface.

What thorough development may show for Baxter mountain, is something altogether unknown. The find of silver on the Large Hopes, mentioned in this paper some time since, would appear with this latter indication, as cumulative evidence to support the proposition that there is something beside gold in this camp. Certain it is, that whether the owners of the little claims that infest our camp, are acting wisely or not, Baxter mountain is not half prospected, and the character of this camp of White Oaks not half known. A sudden change may come some day which will set New Mexico wild, and give White Oaks not the boom, but the investigation and notice that she wants.

W. L. JERRELL

Murdered by Highwaymen, While Acting as Deputy Sheriff for the Capture of the Barncastles.

Robbers.

W. L. Jerrell, of Las Cruces, N. M., who is well known to many of our readers, was killed on Tuesday morning 5th inst. From the *Rio Grande Republican* we take the following:

A Concho special says: "At two o'clock this morning, the stage going to Abilene was met in coming from that town and gave information that it had been stopped about a mile back, the mail robbed of all the cash, and one passenger robbed of \$25. The first named coach had aboard Sergeant Farlow of the State Rangers; Sheriff Jerrell of Dona Ana county, Edgar Steenson of Oshkosh S. P. Cochran of Dallas, and a United States soldier. The ranger and sheriff only were armed, and they ordered the driver to go ahead, and quietly laid their pistols across their laps, when a shot reached the coach, and they were commanded to halt by two masked men coming from the bush. Jerrell fired, and the shot was returned. The ranger then took aim, fired, and his man threw his pistol into the air, placed his hands over his stomach and fell. The horses started, and the firing from and into the stage continued with great rapidity. Sheriff Jerrell was hit in the shoulder, and a second ball entered his back and crashed through his stomach. A spent ball struck Cochran in the back, and three shots passed through his overcoat; but he is not seriously injured. The coach drove to Concho as quickly as possible. Jerrell will die. This is the third robbery of the same stage within a month. A posse will go out to-day."

Bonito Notes.

BONITO N. M., Feb. 9th, 1884

Editor Golden Era:

J. P. Rainbolt, J. T. Stoneking and Chas. F. Wadsworth, have gone to White Oaks.

Messrs. Cathoun and Reynolds expect to have machinery in operation on the Rosa by the first of July.

Metcalfe and Weaver are doing the assessment on the Laura ls.

Chas. Feast is working the Mogul. Parsons and Williams are doing assessments for 1884.

Conbroach and Berry are working on the Christmas.

The winter so far has been quiet, nothing of importance having taken place, but the coming spring and summer will be one of unusual activity; at least everything points that way.

OCCASIONAL.

LINCOLN, N. M., Feb. 10th, 1884

The weather is charming; vegetation is advancing; our ranchmen have commenced seeding wheat. The frisky lamb has made his appearance, but we confess a preference for him accompanied by mint sauce. We expect our spring poet poco soon.

Mr. Garrett has been engaged during the past week in rounding up and branding his 300 cattle purchased from Bone Back.

Col. Beall has rented and moved into the Barber residence where he is now getting ready for his family.

Improvement at Fort Stanton are still going on. The hospital building is in an advance stage, and Mr. O'Leary the post trader is still improving and adding to his immense and valuable stock of goods.

Inquiries for cattle and ranches are active and we are all feeling good.

Mr. Isaac Ellis will open his hotel this week under the management of the efficient caterer, Bob Owens, and the traveling public will have a place to stop at.

As a Correspondent Sees It.

The following newsy letter from Lincoln county, to the *Rocky Mt. Mining Review* of Denver, will do to copy in full:

WHITE OAKS, N. M., Jan. 28, '84.

The cold wave which has passed over the country east of the Rocky Mountains this month reached us, and has been quite cold for New Mexico. The thermometer registered as low as twenty degrees above zero, and it has retarded work. On the Solitaire they have mined and sorted out over 100 tons this month. The ore on the dump is an improvement on the last output.

The stamp mill is undergoing repairs; as soon as completed it will commence to mill the Solitaire ore. This mill was set on the wash near the canon and the jar of the stamps keeps all the machinery in so much motion that the mill can't be kept in good repair any length of time. If Professor Glass can secure his partner's interests he would reset the mill and make it a credit to the camp.

I am credibly informed that some of the parties interested in the Homestead Gold Mining Co. intend to put in a first-class ten stamp mill, with concentrators and other attachments. Some of the parties who own an interest in the Rita mine are making arrangements to put in a five stamp mill, and there is little doubt of these mills being erected in the next six months, which will be the means of making this one of the best gold producing camps in the territory.

The Old Abe is proving to be a regular quartz lode with granite walls. The lead has broken off and covered the point of the mountain with float. In some places the quartz was several feet deep and the lode being entirely covered, all the prospectors were deceived and it was not discovered until it was crossed out with a tunnel.

Fletcher's new mill, in Dry Gulch, starts up this week on ore from Billy Gill's gold mine. This is a fine property, the ledge being very wide; at least there are a number of quartz strata lying side by side with granite, clay, etc., between them. The whole body runs well, and is about thirty feet wide so far as tested. Dry Gulch is twenty miles south of the Oaks, in the north part of the White Mountains and is one of the richest placer canons in Lincoln county. Chase and Heacra die have cut a ditch from Nogal canon over the divide into Dry Gulch, which is almost completed, and they intend to use the water in washing out Dry Gulch and they will certainly have a rich reward for their enterprise.

Northwest of Dry Gulch is Tortolita canon, about fifteen miles from the Oaks, and at the mouth of this canon are situated the copper mines which are attracting considerable attention. Thomas Wallace owns the largest interest and is the discoverer. This seems to be a deposit, which lays between porphyry from 100 to 200 feet wide, but is not regular, therefore not veins. The copper is native, in sheets, in seams and shot copper in the rock with carbonates, sulphurets and red oxide of copper. There has been no mill run, but it assays well. There are several shafts from ten to thirty feet deep which seem to be in ore of equal richness in all and improves with depth. This is very promising, and as Tortolita canon is well supplied with water and timber and is so close to our coal fields, it should attract capital. S. H. G.

Frank Leslie's Sunday Magazine

The March number is promptly on our table and is filled as usual with delightful reading matter—edifying and admirable embellishments. The popular editor T. De Witt Talmage, D. D., contributes a characteristic article, "Alarming Things of To-Day," and The Home Pulpit contains one of his sermons, "Sensitiveness of Christ." "Count Zinzendorf," the founder of the Moravian Church; "Salem, the old Moravian Town, in North Carolina"; The Boston Institution at Deer Island; Annals of Little Compton; "Anthony Vandeyck, a Court Painter"; etc., are finely illustrated and exceedingly interesting articles. The serials, "How it Came Around," and "Wrong From the First," are continued, and the Essays, Sketches, Poems, etc., are by popular writers. Marion Harland has a charming story, "A Practical Woman" the contents are so varied and abundant that no one can fail to be gratified. The price is 25 cents a number; \$2.50 per annum, postpaid. Address, Mrs. Frank Leslie 53, 55 and 57 Park Place N. Y.